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Income on Government Bus Transport Service.

* 535 *Q.*—Sri C. V. K. Rao : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total net income on Government Bus Transport Service in Madras for the year 1951–52;

(*b*) whether a statement showing the actual net profit for the year 1951–52 will be placed on the table of the House; and

(*c*) whether any bonus is paid to workers; and if so, how much per worker?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] furnishing the information required is laid on the table of the House.

" (*c*) A bonus of Rs. 5 each per mensem is paid to the drivers of the State Transport Department who satisfy certain prescribed conditions."

Sri C. V. K. Rao :—" The statement shows that nearly Rs. 16 lakhs of profits is being made and the Hon. Minister informs us that only Rs. 5 has been paid as bonus to each worker. Can he oblige the workers by paying Rs. 15, Sir? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am glad that my friend has raised the question. The drivers and conductors of the Transport Service get a laundry allowance of Re. 1–8–0 per mensem for washing their uniforms. They are supplied with two uniforms. Technical workers, who do duty for not less than eight hours, are given a night duty allowance of 25 per cent of their pay. Payment of retirement benefits at rates higher than those granted to other Government servants is also admissible. There is also the payment of compassionate gratuity to the family of the deceased workers at rates higher than those given to the families of other Government servants. There is a proposal to grant a good conduct allowance of Rs. 4 to the conductors. In view of this the Government thought that the present system was advantageous."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Cannot the Hon. Minister increase the uniform allowance of the Motor Transport workers to make them as attractive as the Hon. Minister for Transport is? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I thank the hon. Member for the compliment he has paid to me. But with regard to the allowance, we have worked out and found that Re. 1–8–0 is sufficient for cleaning two uniforms per month."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is it not a fact that the Government have refused to accept the recommendations of the Venkataramiah Award in respect of the bus workers of this State? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 372 infra.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Will the Government consider the revision of the bonus on the basis of the formula applied by the Industrial Tribunals, in particular the Appellate Tribunal."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I want notice, Sir."

Construction of bridges over the ferries at Perimba and Pazhayangadi in North Malabar.

* 536 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any proposal is under consideration by the Government to construct bridges over the ferries at Perimba and Pazhayangadi in North Malabar? 10-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The work of constructing a bridge across the Periamba ferry has already been approved by the Goverment for execution. There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to construct a bridge across the Pazhayangadi ferry."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" What is the estimated cost of the Periamba ferry bridge, and will the Government be pleased to consider the construction of the Pazhayangadi ferry bridge as the people are put to much inconvenience for want of that bridge? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The estimate for the bridge which has been sanctioned is Rs. 5·23 lakhs. A sum of Rs. 20,000 has been provided in the Budget Estimate for 1953–54.

" So far as the other bridge is concerned, the Chief Engineer (Highways) has suggested that there should be a realignment of the highway for the construction of the bridge, and the Government have accepted his suggestion. The Government of India have been addressed separately for getting their approval for the realignment. If that is approved, a bridge can be thought of."

Powers of Headquarters Deputy Tahsildars.

* 537 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answers to question No. 429 given on 11th December 1952 whether the Headquarters Deputy Tahsildars have got any independent powers to pass orders; and if so, in what matters?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A statement [a] showing the independent powers of Headquarters

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 373–374 infra.